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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 December 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 6-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 14-22 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 10/032,493.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Claims 6-22 are presented for examination.

Applicants' preliminary amendment filed January 22, 2004 and the information disclosure statements filed January 22, 2004; April 22, 2004 and September 15, 2004 have been received and entered.

Applicants' election filed December 9, 2004 in response to the restriction requirement of October 18, 2004 has been received and entered. The applicants elected the invention described in claims 6-13 (Group I) with traverse.

Applicants' traverse of the restriction requirement is not deemed persuasive as for reasons set forth in the previous Office action dated October 18, 2004. Therefore, the restriction requirement is hereby made Final.

Claims 14-22 are withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to the non-elected invention (37 CFR 1.142(b)).

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims 6-13 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,448,292. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the patented application teaches an oil composition comprising 10-40% by weight of a diglyceride, 40.1 to 89.8% by weight of a triglyceride, 0.1 to 10% by weight of a monoglyceride; and the present application teaches an oil composition comprising about 0.1 to 59.8% by weight of a triglyceride, about 40 to 99.7% by weight of a diglyceride, about 0.1 to 10% by weight of a monoglyceride, and most about 5% by weight of a free fatty acid etc. Note in the patented application column 3, lines 56-59 states the addition of a free fatty acid is used to improve the flavor of the oil compounds. Also note in the patented application at column 4, lines 65-68 and column 5, lines 1-7 states the oil composition can be a part of food. Note the foods include dressings such as French dressing, mayonnaises, creams, confectionery such as chocolates and potato chips. Clearly, the patented application encompasses the present application's instant food product, an oil composition and food.

Claims 6-13 are not allowed.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin E. Weddington whose telephone number is (571)272-0587. The examiner can normally be reached on 11:00 am-7:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Low can be reached on (571)272-0951. The fax

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phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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